



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 336	Assembly Substitute Amendment 1
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Current law provides that a person who is at least 12 years old and less than 16 years old may operate an all-terrain vehicle under the following circumstances:

1. If the person has a safety certificate from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).
2. If the person is accompanied by another person who is over 18 years of age.
3. If the person, with a physical disability, is on a roadway and has a hunting permit and a safety certificate.
4. If the person is operating an implement of husbandry on a roadway if the person has a safety certificate.
5. If the person holds a valid certificate from another state or Canadian province.
6. If the person is on land exclusively under the control of the person's immediate family.

With respect to a motorboat, *current law* provides that a person at least 12 years old and less than 16 years old may operate a motorboat if the person is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or person at least 18 years of age who is designated by a parent or guardian or if the person has a safety certificate from DNR.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 provides that no person who was at least 12 years of age and who is born on or after January 1, 1987, may operate an all-terrain vehicle unless he or she holds a valid safety certificate. As in current law, the substitute amendment exempts from this requirement an operator of an all-terrain vehicle who holds a valid certificate from another state or Canadian province or who operates the all-terrain vehicle on land exclusively under the control of the person's immediate family.

With respect to a motorboat, the substitute amendment provides that no person who is at least 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age may operate a motorboat without holding a valid motorboat safety certificate. Further, no person who was at least 18 years of age and who was born on or after January 5, 1985, may operate a motorboat without holding a valid motor safety certificate unless the motorboat is driven by a motor of 50 horsepower or less.

The provisions of the substitute amendment take effect on January 1, 2003.

On February 26, 2002, the Assembly concurred in Senate Bill 336, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 94; and Noes, 5.

On March 7, 2002, the Senate nonconcurred in Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a voice vote.

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